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| <b>Title</b>                 | <b>Act 4, Scene 1, lines 670-739.</b>     |
| <b>Subtitle</b>              | <b>The nurse observes Medea's spells.</b> |
| <b>Author</b>                | <b>Seneca</b>                             |
| <b>Date / Historical era</b> | <b>Antiquity</b>                          |
| <b>Theme(s)</b>              | <b>Magic, hubris</b>                      |
| <b>Character(s)</b>          | <b>The nurse</b>                          |
| <b>Language</b>              | <b>LT</b>                                 |

## Extract

### The nurse

Pavet animus, horret ; magna perniciēs adest .

Immane quantum augescit et semet dolor

accendit ipse vimque praeteritam integrat .

Vidi furem saepe et aggressam deos,

caelum trahentem : majus his, majus parat

Medea monstrum. Namque ut attonito gradu

evasit et penetrare funestam attigit,



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totas opes effundit et quicquid diu

etiam ipsa timuit , promit atque omnem explicat

turbam malorum, arcana, secreta, abdita. (...)

illius alta nocte succisus frutex ,

at hujus ungue secta cantato seges .

Mortifera carpit gramina ac serpentium

saniem exprimit miscetque et obscenas aves :

maestique cor bubonis et raucae strigis

exsecta vivae viscera . Haec scelerum artifex

discreta ponit ; his rapax vis ignium ,

his gelida pigri frigoris glacies inest .

Addit venenis verba non illis minus

metuenda . Sonuit ecce vaesano gradu

canitque. Mundus vocibus primis tremit .



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